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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/798,081	Applicant(s) LECANU ET AL.	
	Examiner JOANNE HAMA	Art Unit 1632	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-18 and 20-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 26, 2007 has been entered.

Claims 5, 19 are withdrawn. Claims 29-32 are cancelled. Claims 1, 15 are amended.

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-28, drawn to a rat having a neurological diseases induced by perfusing an Abeta compound, at least one pro-oxidative compound, and at least one anti-oxidant inhibitor, are under consideration.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 26, 2007. The IDS has been considered.

Withdrawn Rejection

35 USC §112, 2nd parag.

Applicant's arguments, see page 6 of Applicant's response, filed November 26, 2007, with respect to the rejection of claim 32 have been fully considered and are

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persuasive. Applicant indicates that claim 32 is cancelled. The rejection of claim 32 has been withdrawn.

New/Maintained Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-28 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, for reasons of record, March 7, 2007 and August 24, 2007.

Applicant's arguments filed November 26, 2007 have been fully considered but they and they are persuasive in part.

Applicant indicates that the amendments to claims 1 and 15 render moot the § 112 (1) rejection (Applicant's response, page 6). In response, this is not persuasive.

While Applicant has amended part of claim 1 and 15 to be drawn to rat, claims 1 and 15 (and their dependent claims) are readable on rodent. As indicated in the Office Action of August 24, 2007, page 4, the specification does not provide guidance to arrive at the claimed invention using any rodent. As such, the rejection as it applies to this issue remains.

With regard to the claims encompassing Abeta protein from any species of animal, the Office Action, August 24, 2007, page 5, has indicated that not all Abeta from different species of animals is enabled (see also Huang et al., 1999 reference). Applicant provides no response regarding this issue and the rejection as it applies to it remains.

The claims read broadly on a rat having any neurologic disease (e.g. see first line of claim 1). While claim 1 has been amended to indicate the phenotypes seen in the claimed rat/rodent (hyperphosphorylated tau, amyloid plaques or neurofibrillary tangles), this does not enable an artisan to practice the claim invention for a rat/rodent model of any neurologic disease or a method of inducing any neurologic disease in a rat/rodent. As such, the rejection as it applies to this issue remains.

It is noted that the rejection of claims 31, 32 is withdrawn as the claims have been cancelled.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-28 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, lines 5 and 6 refer to "the rodent." It is unclear whether "rodent" refers to the rat or to another rodent animal and thus, the claim is rejected. Claims 2-4, 6-14 depend on claim 1 and are included in the rejection. Similarly, claim 15 refers to "the

rodent" (see line 5); however, it is unclear if this rodent refers to the rat or another rodent animal. Claims 16-18, 20-28 depend on claim 15 and are included in the rejection.

Conclusion

No claims allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joanne Hama, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-2911. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras, can be reached on 571-272-4517. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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/Joanne Hama, Ph.D./
Examiner, Art Unit 1632